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1. WHILE DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL ON TRANSNATIONALS WAS CIRCULATED OVER WEEKEND (PRESUMABLY AT PERUVIAN INSISTENCE) WE HAD PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MOST OF SPONSORS, PARTICULARLY VENEZUELA, ECUADOR AND COSTA RICA, ABOUT RESOLUTION'S DEFICIENCIES (REF). WE REACHED CONSENSUS TO REFER RESOLUTION TO PERMANENT COUNCIL'S GENERAL COMMITTEE, WHERE THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE TO MASSAGE IT INTO EVEN-HANDED FORMULA. WHEN MATTER CAME UP IN COUNCIL TODAY THERE WAS NO VOTE BUT RATHER SERIES OF STATEMENTS FOLLOWED BY REFERRAL TO GENERAL COMMITTEE.

2. ALL SPONSORS (PERU, ECUADOR, VENEZUELA, HONDURAS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOLIVIA AND COSTA RICA) SPOKE AS DID SEVERAL OTHERS INCLUD-

ING THE UNITED STATES. TEXT OF STATEMENT BY ACTING
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (MCNEIL) SENT USINFO AND YOU MAY
REFER TO IT FOR ANY EXPLANATIONS OF OUR GENERAL ATTITUDE.

3. PRIOR TO TODAY'S SESSION, WE ALSO WORKED OUT WITH
VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR SOME TENTATIVE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE
FOR RESOLUTION, TO WHICH PERU STRONGLY OBJECTS.
ALTHOUGH WE WERE PLEASED WITH REASONABLE ATTITUDE
TAKEN BY MOST DELEGATIONS IN RECOGNIZING ONE-SIDED CAST
OF RESOLUTION, WE STILL EXPECT TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS,
PARTICULARLY ON CODE OF CONDUCT QUESTION. MOST LATINS
CLEARLY WANT TO ACTIVATE SOME KIND OF CODE OF CONDUCT
EXERCISE, ALTHOUGH BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA HAVE RESERVATIONS.
BOTH HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY, HOWEVER, THEY SEE NO WAY
TO BLOCK CODE OF CONDUCT EXERCISE IN OAS AND THUS
BELIEVE TASK IS TO FIND MOST CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH
POSSIBLE. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU FURTHER VIEWS ON
SPECIFIC ISSUES FOR USE WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. INGERSOLL

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